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To whom it may concern:

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) sponsors a series of research conferences each summer. The Federation Board has recognized the need for experimental biologists to meet intimately and explore new approaches to current research areas of intense scientific development. To ensure excellence, the topics have been selected by a scientific advisory committee. We are pleased to be organizing a conference on **"MECHANISMS OF LIVER GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE"** to be held August 7-12, 2004 in Snowmass, Colorado. This will be the eighth such liver FASEB summer conference held since 1990.

This conference will focus on our current level of knowledge about multiple aspects of liver biology, both normal and in disease. Topics to be discussed include hepatic and pancreatic specification during development, liver transcription factors, liver stem cells and repopulation, mechanisms involved in the development of hepatocellular carcinoma, hepatic gene therapy, immunological mechanisms of liver injury and cirrhosis and mechanisms of viral hepatitis caused by infections with either Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C virus. Poster presentations will be scheduled

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to include additional information on related topics. Enclosed is a copy of the preliminary program that will give you a more precise appreciation for the high quality interdisciplinary meeting that this will be. Recent progress in this area of research has been explosive and this meeting should be particularly timely in helping to bring focus to the significance of current developments.

We have invited approximately 180 scientists from the United States and abroad. Most are dependent upon financial support in order to attend. We would also like to be able to support attendance by young investigators. These promising young investigators represent the future of science and will be making significant contributions in the coming years. Each session will include talks by young investigators selected from the submitted abstracts.

Current structures in federal funding greatly limit what has been a major source of support for such activities. By virtue of the historic significance of prior conferences, and the vital importance of biomedical research to the long term objectives of the health related industries, we are encouraged that our allied industrial sector welcomes the opportunity to participate in the support of these conferences.
We are seeking financial help from funding agencies with interests in the biomedical sciences and mechanisms of carcinogenesis. I have attached a Microsoft word file of the preliminary program of this meeting and pdf files of Dr. Grompe's and Costa's NIH biosketch. We are tremendously enthusiastic about the conference and sincerely hope that *Philip Morris External Research Program* will become a supporter of this very important event.

Should you require additional information about the FASEB Summer Research Conferences, please call Dr.Costa at (312) 996-0474 or E-Mail: RobCosta@uic.edu. Philip Morris External Research Program support for this conference will be acknowledged in the front of the abstract book and support of the conference by the Philip Morris External Research Program will be announced at the beginning of the meeting prior to the Keynote Speaker Talk. We will also provide the audience with advertisement regarding the type of research proposals supported by the Philip Morris External Research Program.

We greatly appreciate any financial assistance you can provide. Checks should be annotated "Mechanisms of Liver Growth, Development and Disease" and made payable and mailed to FASEB Summer Research Conferences, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3998.

Sincerely,

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